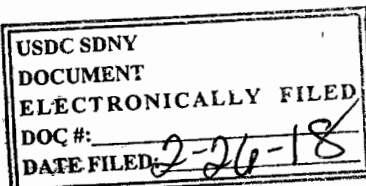


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VIA ECF AND HAND

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan
United States District Court for the
Southern District of New York
Room 1940
500 Pearl Street
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Re: *United States v. James Gatto, et al. (Case No. 17-CR-686),*
Defendants' Request for Waiver of Defendants' Appearance at February 28, 2018
Conference

Dear Judge Kaplan:

I represent Defendant James Gatto in the above-captioned matter, but I am also writing on behalf of counsel for Defendant Christian Dawkins and Defendant Merl Code. I write to respectfully ask the Court to waive Defendants' appearances at the February 28, 2018 conference, which was scheduled by Your Honor this afternoon. We make this request because, as Your Honor knows, Defendants each live outside the district, including Mr. Gatto, who resides in Portland, Oregon and Mr. Code, who resides in South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

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Grated
SO ORDERED

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